

2 KILLED ON U. S. SUBMARINE BLOWN UP IN BROOKLYN DOCK

2,000 AMERICANS GUARDED BY CARRANZA TROOPS ARE HURRYING TO U. S. BORDER

Heed Warning of Secretary Lansing to Leave Districts Infested by Villa Bandits—El Paso to Get Body of Rodriguez.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 15.—Refugees from Mexico are hurrying to the border, a train with 150 American mining men and their families being due today from Parral, toward which Villa is reported marching. The first train of refugees crossed the border last night. The 52 Americans had an escort of 100 Carranza soldiers. The coaches were lighted by candles stuck on the backs of the seats.

Two thousand other refugees are heading for the United States from a number of points.

A train is reported en route to Juarez with the bodies of Gen. Jose Rodriguez and forty of his Villa bandits. "That Americans may satisfy themselves as to their deaths," they were captured by 125 Americans and some Carranza soldiers as they approached Madera with the avowed intention of burning the \$3,000,000 Pearson mining plant there, and immediately put to death.

Rodriguez is supposed to have been responsible for the massacre of the sixteen Americans and three foreigners near Santa Ysabel, though Gen. Pablo Lopez, Revilla and Helman were in immediate command of the assassins.

Brig. Gen. John J. Pershing, U. S. A., last night maintained "dead lines," preventing Americans crossing into the Mexican quarter. Provost guards patrolled the city to prevent rioting.

VILLA OFFICER, IMPLICATED IN MASSACRE, IS CAPTURED.

On instructions from Washington Thomas D. Edwards, American Consul, to-day requested Gen. Gabriel Garcia, Carranza commandant here, to produce all available facts concerning the murder of Peter Keane, an American, by Mexican bandits at the Hearst Babicora ranch in Chihuahua ten days ago.

Edwards also requested the Carranza authorities to produce the body and bring it to the border.

Lieut. Col. Navarro, a Villa officer, captured near Santa Ysabel, charged with being concerned in the massacre of Americans, is being taken to Chihuahua City. Gen. Trevino says there have been no further deaths of Americans in Western Chihuahua, and that Villa now has but forty men with him in the Guerrero district. Gen. Trevino leaves at once in pursuit of Gen. Arguendo and Carranza, who have taken to the hills of Durango.

Interest to-day centered in the capture and punishment of Col. Jose Lopez's band which massacred eighteen Americans at Santa Ysabel last Monday. Nothing has been heard of the Carranza detachment that left Chihuahua City two days later to round up the murderers.

Carranza commanders were urgently requested by the State Department to afford ample protection to the 500 Mexican colonists in the Casas Grandes district, who refuse to leave.

There are about one hundred men in the colony and a small Carranza garrison at Casas Grandes to protect them.

Three of the men massacred Tuesday, Thomas Evans, M. B. Romero and J. H. Woon, were buried yesterday.

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MOHR CHAUFFEUR MAY ASSUME FULL GUILT IN MURDER

Report Heals Will Say in New Confession That He Acted Alone.

WOULD CLEAR WIDOW.

Charges Against Other Negroes Also Said to Have Been Retracted.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

PROVIDENCE, Jan. 15.—A "confession" by George Heals, the negro chauffeur, which will completely exonerate Mrs. Elizabeth Tiffany Mohr from any participation in the murder of her husband, and take the entire crime upon himself, was the startling possibility which developed here today.

The likelihood of such a sensation was pointedly suggested when The Evening World correspondent was informed that Heals, who is a prisoner in the Providence county jail at Howard, had sent word on Wednesday night that he wanted to talk with William H. Lewis, attorney for Victor Brown, one of the negroes now on trial for the crime.

It was Heals who drove Dr. Mohr's motor car to the lonely spot on the Nayatt road where Dr. Mohr was shot to death and his housekeeper, Miss Emily Burger, dangerously wounded. It is now said that Heals stands ready to confess that he alone killed Dr. Mohr. This gives new interest to the pointed inquiries Mr. Lewis made yesterday of Police Chief Robbins of Harrington about Heals's revolver, which was found in Dr. Mohr's Newport garage several days after the murder. The Evening World's informant also directed attention to the testimony of Miss Burger that after the shooting Heals dragged her across the roadway, handling her with such roughness as to bruise her.

Brown and Henry Spelman, Brown's half-brother, who are alleged to have been instigated to the murder by Mrs. Mohr, made a "confession" to the police, saying that they did the shooting, but afterward they repudiated it. The "confession" was never signed, and so has been buried from evidence. For two days there has been testimony by police officials as to the first confession of the two negroes. It was Heals who "gave up" Brown as the assassin, Spelman being implicated later, and Heals is the State's chief witness against Mrs. Mohr. It was for turning State's evidence that he was permitted to plead to manslaughter instead of being placed on trial with Mrs. Mohr and the two negroes.

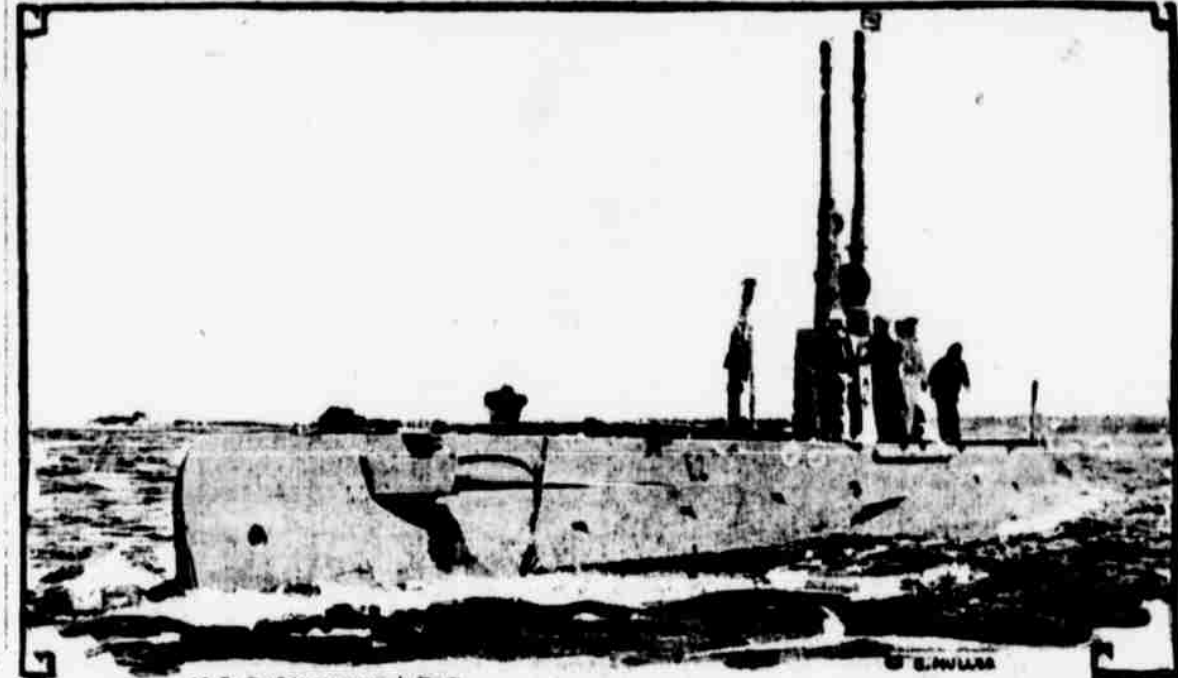
At first Heals told the police the attack upon the physician was for the purpose of robbery, and that he was in the plot to the extent of agreeing to stop the motor car at a pre-arranged place on the Nayatt Road, so Brown and Spelman might do the actual shooting and robbery.

But now, it is said, Heals wishes to tell a story of shooting Dr. Mohr himself in order to rob him, and then he shot Miss Burger for resisting, dragging her to the side of the road as an afterthought.

It was pointed out to-day that it was unlikely Heals chief witness for the prosecution, would be permitted to have a conference with an attorney for the defense, but on the other hand Heals, as a prisoner, has the right to seek the advice of any attorney he pleases. Direct information that Mr. Lewis had a conference with Heals was impossible to obtain.

FOR CLARITY AND CLARITY

U. S. Submarine E-2, Which Was Blown Up By an Interior Explosion in Navy Yard



U. S. SUBMARINE E-2

CITY AND RAILWAY AGREE ON ABOLITION OF 'DEATH AVENUE'

New York Central Accepts Plan Comprising System of Tunnels and Viaducts.

The city and the New York Central Railroad came to a complete agreement this afternoon on the question of abolishing "Death Avenue" and the railroad tracks running at the foot of Riverside Drive. A meeting between the Port and Terminal Committee of the Board of Estimate and Taxation, Vice President and Chief Counsel of the railroad company, the latter plan was adopted.

The railroad will construct a tunnel under the city from the Ship Canal to Delancey Street, and over Delancey Street by viaduct, including any change in the grade of the street.

The railroad will construct a roof over its right of way through Washington Park. It will also construct a roof over its main-line tracks along Washington Heights from One Hundred and Fifty-third Street to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street. It will go in a tunnel through and along Riverside Park. Between Eighty-second Street and Seventy-second Street it will go by subway, this construction being necessitated, it is explained, in order to give an approach to the railroad's Sixtieth Street yards.

The road will construct an elevated line along Twelfth Avenue from Fifty-ninth Street to its Thirtieth Street yard, and an elevated line from the Thirtieth Street yard to its southern terminus in a right of way through private property to the east side of the street, where the railroad will acquire a new expense.

It is explained given out after the meeting of the city officials and the railroad representatives, it is explained, that in the course of the settlement it has been necessary for the city to exchange with the railroad certain parcels of land to protect park waterfront against commercialization, and to afford the railroad the necessary right of way and facilities.

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6,847 BRITISH OFFICERS KILLED UP TO JAN. 1ST

The Number of Wounded Is Reported at 13,489 and the Missing 1,745.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Official casualty lists for the month of December show that the British army in that month lost 275 officers killed, 638 wounded and seventeen missing, a total of 930.

Deciding from the wounded and missing totals a number since included in killed, the total losses from the beginning of the war to the end of December 1915 are 5,847 killed, 15,469 wounded and 1,745 missing, a total of 22,061.

During December four Brigadier-Generals received wounds, and are included in the casualty lists for the month.

The proportion for the whole period of the war is virtually one officer killed to two wounded.

PASSENGERS DROWNED IN STEAMER COLLISION

Two British Vessels Crash in Bristol Channel—Number of Survivors Landed.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The steamers Argus and Larchwood were in collision in the Bristol Channel to-day and several persons were drowned. The Argus has landed some of the Larchwood's survivors.

The Larchwood is a 659-ton vessel owned and registered at Middleborough. There are two British steamers named the Argus, one displacing 1,218 tons registered at Belfast, and one of 794 tons from the port of Gool.

CHEER FOR GRIP VICTIMS; WORST OF EPIDEMIC PAST

Health Bureau Reports Ninety-Five Deaths in the Past Week.

However.

The epidemic of grip, pneumonia and bronchitis in this city has passed its worst stage and from now on the number of deaths will diminish.

It was the statement to-day of Dr. Charles E. Bolduan, Director of the Bureau of Public Health Education of the Department of Health.

There were 95 deaths from grip in the city this week as against 10 last week, but the total of grip and kindred diseases this week was but 445 as compared with 551 last week. There were only 15 deaths from grip in the corresponding week last year.

It was also announced that a serum was being used in the treatment of grip which was reported to have cured some in twenty-four hours.

KAISER IS BETTER; ATTENDS LUNCHEON WITH OFFICIALS

Has Lively Conversation With Guests and Confers With Imperial Chancellor.

BERLIN, Jan. 15 (by wire to Sayville).—Emperor William made several public appearances in Berlin yesterday according to the Overseas News Agency, which says:

"The Emperor yesterday called on several persons and was seen at several places in Berlin. To-day he took luncheon at the residence of the Chancellor, where there were also present Gen. von Bismarck, Governor General of Brunswick; Gen. von Besser, Dr. Bellbrunn, the Vice-Chancellor; Herr von Jagow, the Secretary for Foreign Affairs; Count von Arnim-Brooksbach, President of the Prussian Upper House; Count von Scherwin-Lesswitz, President of the Prussian Lower House; Herr Hagen, President of the Reichsbank; Herr Wasmuth, Under Secretary of State, and several others.

"When the Emperor drove through the streets to the Chancellery's residence he was joyously cheered by the crowd, which remarked that he was looking well. The Emperor stayed for several hours with the Chancellor, and afterward in long conference with Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg.

"The Emperor is now completely restored from a slight indisposition caused by a carbuncle. In the mean time the silly rumors spread broadcast over the whole world from various sources furnish the best proof of how unreliable are the vast majority of the news items emanating from Germany's enemies.

"Thus the English newspapers report that Dr. John West from Birmingham wrote to another surgeon that the Emperor has cancer of the larynx; that it is necessary to remove the larynx and to substitute a tube. The Poldhu wireless station in England considers itself better informed when it says that the Emperor's family has already hastened to his bedside.

"It is most astonishing that the authors of these stories always forget that he is short-lived and that the truth, in this case as in many others is known and understood by all sane persons."

EXPLOSION OF GAS TRAPS MEN IN SHIP; MANY ARE BURNED

Coroner Says Two Are Dead, Doctor Tells of 11 Killed as Navy Yard Officials Surround Accident in Mystery.

SHOCK OF BLOW UP FELT OVER A WIDE DISTRICT

Gases exploded in the United States Navy submarine E-2 in Dry Dock No. 2 in the Brooklyn Navy Yard at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon and a terrific blow-up resulted.

Coroner Wagner of Brooklyn reported at 3:30 o'clock that two men of the thirty-two aboard were killed outright and that six or seven others had been fatally injured. Later an ambulance surgeon stated that eleven men had been killed and twenty-five or thirty injured, including members of rescue crews.

The victims of the explosion were members of the crew of the E-2 and electricians and machinists engaged in making repairs to the batteries and machinery.

There were thirty-two men in the submarine at the time of the explosion, the force of which was felt throughout the Navy Yard neighborhood. Admiral Nathaniel Usher, commandant of the yard, and all officials on duty hurried to the dry dock and rescuing crews were sent to the E-2, which was afloat. A number of the men engaged in the work of rescue were overcome by gas and taken to the hospital with those who were mangled or burned in the explosion.

As soon as he reached Dry Dock No. 2 Admiral Usher gave orders that the Navy Yard gates be closed. Marines armed with loaded rifles were stationed along the walls and fences in Sands Street, Flushing Avenue and Clinton Avenue. It was not until an hour and a half after the explosion that orders from Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, who had been at a luncheon at the National Democratic Club, opened the gates to reporters.

The E-2 was the submarine selected for the experimental trial of the Thomas A. Edison nickel storage battery for undersea propulsion. The experiments had been satisfactory, according to reports received by the Naval Department. The Edison battery is designed to do away with the danger of asphyxiation from chlorine gas which is formed by the seepage of sea water into the batteries.

DEAD AND INJURED IN NAVY YARD EXPLOSION

Following was a partial list of the dead and injured in the submarine explosion in the Navy Yard:

THE DEAD.

Unidentified man, a laborer, died after he was taken to the Naval Hospital.

THE INJURED.

Clark, Guy H., Jr., Frankfort, N. Y., acid and steam burns about body; to Naval Hospital.

Holsey, John, of No. 52 Spruce Street, Baltimore, Md., burns all over body; to Naval Hospital.

Miles, L. C., chief electrician, of No. 219 DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn, acid and steam burns; to Naval Hospital.

Ramon, Otto, electrician, of Middleburg, Md., burned about body; to Naval Hospital.

Four unidentified men in the Cumberland Street Hospital, unconscious, and all severely burned about the body.

The counting tower and hatchways of the submarine were open when the explosion occurred. A ladder resting against the superstructure of the E-2 was hurled through the air to the roof of a building 300 feet away.

The fire and the release of deadly gases within the submarine barred all but the most intrepid of the rescuing force from entering by way of the counting tower and the hatchways. Admiral Usher ordered steam drills to attack the sides of the boat for the purpose of chopping off the rivet heads and tearing out the plates so that entrance might be obtained through the hull.

REPORT BATTERIES BLEW UP WHEN CHARGED

Information as to the exact cause of the explosion was refused at the Navy Yard. A surgeon from Cumberland Street Hospital who was called in to attend to the wounded said that one of the injured told him the batteries blew up while they were being charged under the direction of Chief Electrician Miles of the E-2.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels had just delivered a talk on "Prepared-